

REMARKS

Applicant is in receipt of the Office Action mailed May 5, 2004.

Rejections Under Section 103

Claims 1, 10-12, 21, and 27-28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Seiler et al. (USPN 4,929,889; hereafter referred to as Seiler) in view of Kundu et al. (USPN 6,510,398; hereafter referred to as Kundu).

Claims 2-9, 13-20, and 22-26 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Specifically, the current Office Action identifies patentable material in claims 2 and 13 as: “wherein the controller is configured to store an indication identifying the requested data in response to the second component requesting data from the first component, wherein the controller is configured to select which of the data output by the first component is unrequested data dependent on the indication”. Independent claims 1 and 10 have been amended to include these limitations.

In addition, the current Office Action identifies patentable material in claim 22 as: “storing an indication identifying the requested data in response to said requesting device requesting data, wherein said replacing comprises selecting the unrequested data for replacement dependent on the indication”. Independent claim 21 has been amended to include these limitations. The new claim 29 includes features similar to amended claim 21.

Therefore, Applicant submits that independent claims 1, 10, 21, and 29 and those claims dependent thereon are non-obvious and patentably distinguished over Seiler and/or Kundu for at least the reasons stated above.

CONCLUSION

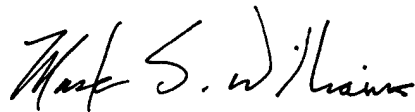
Applicant submits the application is in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is requested.

If any extensions of time (under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136) are necessary to prevent the above referenced application(s) from becoming abandoned, Applicant(s) hereby petition for such extensions. If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel PC Deposit Account No. 50-1505/5181-83900/JCH.

Also enclosed herewith are the following items:

- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard
- ☒ Notice of Change of Address

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